WELCH PIETY:

OR,

A FARTHER ACCOUNT

Of the Circulating

Welch Charity Schools,

FROM

Michaelmas 1757, *to* Michaelmas 1758.

To which are annexed,

TESTIMONIALS

Relating to the MASTERS and SCHOLARS of the ſaid SCHOOLS.

In a LETTER to a FRIEND.

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This is a faithful Saying, and worthy of all Acceptation, that Chriſt Jeſus came into the World to ſave Sinners; of whom I am Chief.

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HONOURED SIR,

DIVINE Providence having, for ſeveral Years paſt, moſt graciouſly inclined the Minds of pious and charitable Perſons, to promote *Circulating Welch Charity Schools*, for the *catechetical* Inſtruction of poor ignorant People, and Children in *Wales*, with Succeſs far beyond our Hopes and Proſpect in the Beginning; the following *Twenty Second* yearly Account of them, begs leave to inform their compaſſionate Benefactors, that the Number of *Schools* laſt Year ending at *Michaelmas* 1758; amounted to *Two Hundred and Eighteen*; and the Number of Scholars to *Nine Thouſand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four*; being the greateſt Number taught in one Year ſince the Schools began, the Counties and Pariſhes, wherein they were taught may be ſeen in the Liſt of them at the End of theſe Papers.

THE Sight of ſo many *trained up Diſciples* to our bleſſed Redeemer, their *Saviour* and ours, were they to be ſeen all together by their Benefactors, would, I believe, make a moſt amiable Appearance. To behold their innocent Looks, with their artleſs Behaviour, and unaffected *Simplicity*, ſo dear to our bleſſed Redeemer, and which he propoſed as a Pattern to all his Followers; to hear them, who before were moſt deplorably ignorant, pray unto, and praiſe the almighty God,

giving an Account of their Faith and Principles of Religion with Underſtanding and Serioufneſs ſuperior to their Years, would ſurely rejoice and warm the Hearts of their charitable Friends. And may we not ſuppoſe their *holy Angels* to be highly delighted with it, *who always behold the Face of God which is in Heaven?* For we are aſſured, *that there is Joy among them, over one Sinner that repenteth.*

Did you aſſiſt but *one* precious immortal Soul of your poor Brethren, to obtain eternal Life; were you inſtrumental, through Grace, in reſcuing one Sinner from everlaſting Deſtruction; it would not only be an Acquiſition infinitely more valuable than all the Charge about it, but would afford far greater and more durable, divine Joy and Pleaſure, than the Poſſeſſion of all the Kingdoms of this World and the *Glory* of them can beſtow. With what Comfort and Satisfaction, (with great Praiſe to God,) may you then reflect, that by his *Grace* you are giving your Aſſiſtance, toward ſaving of *Thouſands?* But the greateſt Joy that good Men can feel in well doing *now*, though it exceeds all the Pleaſures of this World, is, comparatively, but a ſmall Earneſt of an infinitely greater Joy, and glorious Reward hereafter.

It is true indeed that the effectual Succeſs of any Scheme of this Sort, can hardly be exactly aſcertained; but it is from ſuch Seeds as theſe, under the Influence of God's Bleſſing, (which never fails accompanying pious Attempts) that we can reaſonably hope for the beſt Succeſs

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in promoting the Salvation of the Poor. *Training up Children in the Way they should go*, will, it is hoped, preserve great Numbers of them from Error, Vice and Profaneness, in the future Part of their Lives. We know by Experience that those Things which are first fixed in the Mind and Memory, do always make the deepest and most lasting Impression: and, if some of the young Ones, falling into bad Hands, lose in some Measure the Benefit and Lustre of their Instruction, yet the Christian Principles and sacred Truths of God's holy Word implanted in them, which remain there as incorruptible Seed, lying hid, and, as it were *buried* in their Hearts for a Time, may, by some merciful Affliction, or gracious Visitation from the Holy Spirit, be awakened again, to bring forth vigorous Shoots afresh, of holy Life and Conversation.

It has been too just and too common a Complaint, that Children lose much of their good Improvement at School, by the bad Examples, and vicious Behaviour of their Parents at Home. However this is not always the Case; some Parents are better disposed than others; some there are who catechise their Children, and see that they say their Prayers devoutly. I am also credibly informed, that several of the *Welch* Scholars have even taught their own Parents to read the Word of God, and that they also persuade them to join with them in the Prayers they learned at School, as well as to say Grace before, and after their Meals. In this uncommon Manner have Parents been in-

ſtructed, who knew not what it was to pray, or to read, in all their Lives before.

THESE Schools have gained ſo much Approbation and Credit, that they are eagerly deſired, where they are known, as appears by above *Two Hundred and Fifty Letters*, and *Certificates* received this Year from Clergymen and others, who therein deſire to return both their own, and the general Thanks of their Pariſhes and Neighbourhoods, to the benevolent Supporters of this Charity, praying God to bleſs, and reward them; and at the ſame Time requeſting that the Schools may be continued. The ill-grounded Prejudices they once combated with are vaniſhed; all rational and thinking People being thoroughly convinced of their great uſefulneſs to Society.

HAVING troubled you, Sir, with my Account of them ſo often before, I can hardly recollect any Thing new to inform you of; only it may not be improper to let you know that they ſtill go on in the ſame Method, circulating from one Place to another, inſtructing the poor Scholars carefully in the Principles and Duties of Religion, by catechiſing of them twice every Day, beſides teaching them to Read, and to ſay their Prayers with Serioufneſs and Devotion. In this expeditious, cheap and ſure Method of teaching them their Duty, moſt of the poor Scholars have (under the Tuition of pious and well-qualified Maſters) acquired a much larger Fund of *Chriſtian Knowledge* in a few Months, than is commonly learned in ſome Years: However incredible this may appear to Strangers, I know it to be true of

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very many of these religious Nurseries: The Success of them depends much, under God, on the pious Zeal of faithful Pastors, and their Appointment of pious and proper Schoolmasters. I wish all were equally well inclined to this Labour of Love; and I cannot but say with an aching Heart that the Careless and Treacherous, in a Trust of such important Consequence, where the Salvation of their People is so greatly concerned, cannot but have a dreadful Account to give *.

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* " Parents, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors and Masters, who " let their Children (or those under their Inspection) perish for " want of due Care, should consider that they are answerable " to God for their Souls, and for the Mischief they do in " the World, which might very likely by them have been pre- " vented: And this is a Consideration that should make neg- " ligent Parents, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors and Masters trem- " ble. And I would desire them to consider beforehand, what " they will be able to answer when they must appear before " the great Tribunal of Heaven, and these whom they per- " haps had undone by their Negligence, shall there turn their " Accusers. This will be an amazing Scene indeed! It will " be terrible enough to see them whom we loved in an undone " Condition; but to see them withal charging us as the Cause of " their Ruin, and pleading against us before God, must needs " strike an unspeakable Horror into us. How it will pierce " our Souls when we shall see them on Christ's left Hand, " ready to receive that Sentence of *Go, ye cursed*; and they " shall thus address themselves to us: See now what a Con- " dition your Neglect of me has brought me to. God com- " mitted me to your Care, and you took no Care of me then, " when I could take no Care of myself, but let me go on in " Sin, and contract such wicked Habits as have brought me " to this sad State. Why did not you instruct me better, and " ply my Mind when it was tender, with the frequent Thoughts " of these Things we now see? Why did not you fright me

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THE Benefit is very evident where the Attempt is well executed. We have some very *late*, as well as many *former* Instances, that whole *Congregations* have greatly wondred at the Proficiency of the poor Scholars, when they have been publicly examined by the Minister, or sometimes by the Schoolmaster; which very much affected most, if not all the Auditors; some Parents weeping for Joy to see the Progress their poor Children had made in *Christian Knowledge*, some old People weeping for Sorrow that they themselves had not been taught in the same manner when they were Young. Some charitable Persons observing the Nakedness of the Poorest, and best Learners, were moved to bestow Cloathing upon them; some whole Families have been much reformed by them to worship God, to sanctify the Lord's Day, and to reverence his holy Name, and his Word. Some very elderly People have resorted to these Schools, and some of them have come afterward to be publicly Catechised; they, and their Children together.

COULD this humble Undertaking, Sir, which you, and other good People so generously support, have so good an Effect, so great an Influence, if the divine Favour did not attend it? Or without the

" out of my Sin, by the constant Representation of this terri-
" ble Time, and the sad Things that are to follow? Had
" you done this earnestly and frequently, I might have been
" now happy, and needed not stand trembling here to receive
" the dismal Sentence.——But this so dismal a Consideration,
" that I can carry it on no farther." *Dean* Willis's *Sermon before the Charity Schools in London.*

the divine Bleſſing, could this Attempt, ſo large in its Extent, ſo expenſive in the neceſſary Charges attending it, notwithſtanding all poſſible Oeconomy, have ſubſiſted ſo many Years, without any ſettled Fund or certain *Annuities*, but only what may be called *accidental* Benefactions from Time to Time by well-diſpoſed Perſons; Perſons whoſe Names are in the *Book* of Life, but moſt of them unknown to me; there is undoubtedly a *diſtinct Record* of their Charities in Heaven, which will never be forgotten, or unrewarded. We cannot rationally imagine they would have been ſo liberal in their charitable Donations for the Inſtruction of deſpicable poor Wretches, beneath the Regard of other People, if the good Spirit of their heavenly Father did not diſpoſe their Minds, in great Mercy, to pity and befriend them.

MAY we not hope then, without Preſumption, that the Hand of God will be always with a Work of this Kind? I take the Liberty of mentioning this for the Encouragement of all who for *Chriſt*, our *Saviour*'s ſake, will pleaſe to aſſiſt the promoting of it. Whoever are diſpoſed, by the Grace of God, to become humbly, ſincerely and actively ingaged in a Charity of this Kind, have the Comfort of being *Workers together with God*. They labour to promote the infinitely gracious Deſign of his only begotten Son's *Advent* into the World, who came down from Heaven, agreeably to the prophetic Character of him, *to ſave the Children of the Needy*.

YOU, Sir, very well know, that of every Chriſtian Grace and Virtue, *Charity* is the moſt ſublime

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and acceptable, and of all Charities that to the *Souls* of Men infinitely excels all; it can never be ſtretched higher than to reſcue Thouſands of miſerable Creatures from endleſs Perdition. What greater Inſtance of Mercy can there be? If it be a diſmal Sight to ſee Thouſands of the Poor ready to faint, and periſh for want of Food for their Bodies, (and it is ſurely great Charity to relieve them;) is it not unſpeakably more *ſhocking* to ſee many Thouſands of poor Souls fainting for want of *good Catechiſing*, and periſhing for ever *for lack of Knowledge?* For though a poor Man's *Body* ſtarve for want of Food, yet his *Soul* may be carried with *Lazarus* by the Angels of God into Heaven; but if his *Soul* is ſtarved for want of Chriſtian Inſtruction, his Body and Soul muſt go to another Place;—dreadful to name!

I MENTION *Catechiſing*, as it is a particular and abſolutely neceſſary Kind of Inſtruction for laying the Foundation of Chriſtian Knowledge; without which, as I have ſhewed in former Letters, from the ſound Opinions, Obſervations and Experience of our beſt Divines, the whole Building will totter and fall. It is to the Want of this, we may juſtly impute the unſucceſsfulneſs of Preaching, and other Means of inſtructing and reforming the People.

BUT by *Catechiſing* (as a pious Author ſays, in a Letter of Advice to a young Clergyman) I do not mean the bare aſking the Queſtions, and hearing them repeat the Anſwers, juſt as they lie in the *Catechiſm*, for this is not to inſtruct, and examine them, as the *Rubric* requires; and if

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no more than this be done, we had even as good do nothing; for they will learn but little, or nothing from a mere Repitition. I have heard ſome repeat the *Creed* very readily, and when they had ſo done, not been able to tell you, whether they had ever heard of ſuch a Perſon as JESUS CHRIST. As a *Clergyman* then (adds the above mentioned Author) you muſt condeſcend to be at the Pains of giving them an eaſy Explanation to underſtand every Part of their *Catechiſm*, to aſk them the ſame Queſtions in other Words, and to furniſh them with plain Texts of Scripture to confirm them in the Doctrine they learn; and then to cloſe every Inſtruction of the *Catechumens* with ſome ſhort Exhortation for their Direction and Encouragement; which you may very well do *extempore*, for being Maſter of it yourſelf, as every Miniſter ought to be, you can want neither Words nor Matter. Such a familiar Way of ſpeaking to them, will not only make a deeper Impreſſion on weak and vulgar Capacities, of both young and old People, but the Cuſtom and Practice of it will bring a Clergyman by Degrees to expreſs himſelf with Eaſe and Readineſs upon any Occaſion. Whatever Excuſes may be made for neglecting, or ſuperficially performing the abſolutely neceſſary Duty of *Catechiſing*; however plauſible the Pretences may be, they ought to be looked upon as the Whiſpers of Satan, and ſhould be rejected with Indignation and Horror. That Deluge of Irreligion, Vice and Immorality, that is like to carry all before it, is too much owing

ing to that shameful Negligence and wretched Indifferency, with which this great Concern is managed in too many Places.

I know not whether the true Friends of our Christian Religion, the Reputation of which is now so dreadfully sunk, can shew it more Kindness, or do it better Service, whether they be Pastors, Parents, Housholders, Schoolmasters and Tutors, or other pious Persons, than to labour earnestly and assist every Way to carry on a *truly* Christian Instruction of young People and Children. This would be, not only the greatest Charity to their Souls, but likewise one of the likelieſt Means of reforming the Nation by Degrees. To inculcate on their Minds with becoming Zeal, the Doctrine of Christ, would by his holy Spirit exert its *vital* Energy to renew them *in the Spirit of their Minds*. For, saith the blessed Jesus, *the Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life*; *Words* accompanied with a spiritual and living Efficacy. What better Means can then be made use of toward reforming the Poor? As for the Education of most others, it is commonly directed another Way; *viz.* to recommend, and qualify them for the Honours and lucrative Employments of this World, without implanting the most necessary Qualification of true Christianity in their Hearts; which is the Chief and most needful Qualification for all Stations in Life, and for the Amendment of the World; and yet this, at the upper End of the World, is very much neglected. Hence some have said, that the Reformation, of a

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corrupt and degenerate Age, is more to be expected from the Children of the *Poor*, than from the Children of the Rich, who naturally are equally corrupt; but the Difference lies in their different Education. The Grace of God, and his Providence, sometimes bring mighty Things to pass by weak and *seemingly* inefficacious Means.

I believe, Sir, it is the unanimous Opinion of all serious People who consider, *in Scripture Light*, the usual Ways of divine Providence, that now, under so great a Decay of Religion, and so great Increase of all Impieties, Reformation must be indispensably necessary, if we would *reasonably* hope for Protection, and Deliverance from the Judgments of Heaven, and from the Fury of our Enemies. It is true indeed, that the *Lord of Hosts* hath been pleased in his infinite Mercy, to bless us with some late, and great Successes; for which, and for his many other wonderful Deliverances, the whole Nation should offer up to our long-suffering, and infinitely gracious God, the *Sacrifices* of their sincere Thanksgivings. And how can we do it better than as the holy Spirit of God directs, *to do good and to communicate forget not*; or as *Beausobre* and *L'enfant* very properly translate the Words, *to do good to the Poor, and to help them to forget not; for with such Sacrifices God is well pleased*; which the Apostle by the same good Spirit calls, *an Odour of a sweet Smell, a Sacrifice acceptable, and well pleasing to God.*

If, after so many signal Mercies, and wonderful Deliverances, we continue still unholy, unthankful

thankful and unreformed, I fear, the Long-ſuffering of God will only harden us to grow ripe the faſter for *full Vials* of divine Wrath to be poured down upon us. The late Succeſſes we have been bleſſed with in our Battles with the Enemy, our paſt Deliverances, great and numerous, gracious and wonderful as they were, will yet not inſure our future Protection, if the Goſpel of our Saviour doth not, by his Grace, ſucceed to reform us. For *you know how that the Lord having ſaved the People out of the Land of Egypt, by many very wonderful and miraculous Deliverances, afterward deſtroyed them that believed not:* And we are told by Him that cannot lie, whether we believe it or no, that *theſe Things happened unto them for Examples, and were written for our Admonition.*

It is ſome, and indeed no ſmall Conſolation, while the too numerous Patrons of Infidelity are endeavouring maliciouſly to undermine *Chriſtianity*, others glutting themſelves in Debauchery, *glorying in their Shame*, Irreligion and Profaneneſs abounding almoſt every where, through the Remiſsneſs of too many who ſhould ſtand in the *Gap*, but look on with Indifference, *care not for theſe Things*, and perhaps impiouſly ridicule all ſerious Attempts of reforming the People; that Religion hath ſtill a Party, and ſome true Friends amongſt us; who would be willing to exert their beſt Endeavours, without ſcrupling any Pains or Coſt, to promote the Revival and Influence of it, if they knew how to accompliſh ſo deſirable an End; and to ſay the Truth, no

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true Christian can be satisfied with a religious Profession that costs him nothing.

You have, Sir, my humble Thoughts about the pious Education of Youth, as being one of the likeliest Means to contribute not a little towards it; without which, Experience shews, other Means, even the Ministry itself, cannot succeed so well. Of what Service would it be to read Lectures of Philosophy to Hearers who were never instructed in the *Rudiments* of it? Much the same will *Sermons* commonly be, to such as were never taught the *first Principles* of Religion.

As I am now arrived to the Years when Strength is but *Labour and Sorrow*, it is not improbable but this may be the last Opportunity of my saying any Thing thus publicly in favour of my poor Brethren, or of the Success of this Method of instructing them, yet I design to proceed, so long as the Help of God, and the good Will and Prayers of the well disposed, shall enable me. I pray God amply to reward all the Fellow-Labourers in this extremely needful Charity, and all the Christian Friends that pray for the Success of it; many do, which I hope they will continue to do; *for the effectual fervent Prayers of righteous Men availeth much.*

May the Blessing of them who were ready to perish come upon you, who have been *Eyes to the Blind*, enlightening their Minds with Christian Knowledge; *Feet to the Lame*, assisting them to walk in the Ways of God; and *Fathers* to the poor Orphans who had no Father of their own that could do

any thing for their immortal Part. I cannot wish you a better Recompence in *this* World, for all the Good you have done already, than a continual Exercise of your benevolent Compassion to the Souls of the Miserable; nor in the World to *come* a greater Reward or Glory, than what is promised to the Charitable, and such as are instrumental in turning many unto Righteousness.

INDEED, the strongest and noblest Motive of all, to promote Religion among the Poor and Ignorant, is the *fervent* Gratitude we owe to our ever *dear Redeemer Jesus Christ*; through whom alone, both our Persons, Alms and Duties, can be acceptable before God; and who came, in his *infinite Love*, to purchase Salvation for sinful *Mankind*, whilst the fallen Angels were left in utter Despair, *reserved in Chains of Darkness to the Judgment of the great Day.* They, who with an Eye of Faith, behold the Salvation of the Lord, and believe in him for the Remission of their Sins, cannot but *love* him; and *loving* of him is always the best Evidence that our Sins are forgiven indeed; *every one to whom much is forgiven will love him much.* And how can we better express this *Love*, than in promoting the Doctrines of *his Gospel*, the *Advancement of his Kingdom*, and the *Salvation* of lost Souls, for whom he bled, and even died to save them? The Souls of the Poor and little Ones, dear and precious most certainly in the Sight of God, virtually cry for your Help; they have nothing of their own, but their Misery to recommend them to your Charity; athirst

athirst for saving Knowledge, they implore your Assistance for the Conveyance of it to them for Christ's sake, who will retaliate and own your Kindness as done to himself *.

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* —— "Is it not a very encouraging Motive to the Exercise of this sort of Charity, that whosoever is thus instrumental in *converting Sinners from the Error of their Ways*, or *keeping* neglected Youth *from the Paths of the Destroyer*, shall *save* many *Souls from Death, and hide Multitudes of Sins*; Sins that would otherwise be derived down from Father to Son, in too certain and constant a Succession?

"And as the Prospect of advancing God's Glory, and procuring so much Good to Mankind, is, I question not, a very powerful Incitement with you, to abound still more and more in this Labour of Love; so, I should hope too it may be sufficient to *provoke* all those that have any Spark of godly Zeal, any Christian Sympathy, any kind of generous Passions in their Breasts, to put their helping Hand to this blessed Work, and strive together with you for the Honour of the Gospel, and for the Recovery of those *Little Ones*, who are *scattered*, (alas!) almost every where, *like Sheep without a Shepherd*; although *it is not the Will of our heavenly Father, that one of them should perish*.

"And, O that the Number of Fellow-Helpers in this necessary Work might daily increase! O that it might be a growing Emulation among Christians, thus to approve themselves zealous and passionate Lovers of Souls! Were there never so many engaged in this noble Strife, there would be Room for them all to excel; nay, and Room for all to receive the Prize too, and to become Joint-Sharers in the same *Hope of Joy and Crown of Rejoicing*. And, when the *Rich* and *Poor* shall meet together at last, before the Judgment-Seat of Christ, and a particular Inquisition shall be made after Works of Mercy, then (may we piously presume) shall these very *Little Ones* appear, and chearfully testify on Behalf of their Benefactors; *We were an hungred, and they have fed us; we were naked, and they have cloathed us; we were ignorant, and they have instructed us; we were base and vile, and they refined us; we were in a manner*

 "*forsaken*

You have therefore great Encouragement to go on in this Labour of Love, in every Place where it may pleaſe God to open a Way for it. You co-operate with the Saviour of the World in helping to ſave thoſe for whom he ſuffered the curſed Death of the Croſs. The Hand of God is with *you*, and your Reward with *him*; the Harveſt is great, and the Work proſperous: and that it may proſper more and more every where, is the earneſt Prayer of,

HONOURED SIR,

Your moſt Obliged, and

Moſt thankful humble Servant,

Llandowror, *near* Laugharne,
Carmarthenſhire, *Oct.* 5, 1758.

Griffith Jones.

" *forſaken and loſt, and they have gathered us up, and reſtored* " *us even into thine Hands, O Lord, that art the Shepherd and* " *Biſhop of our Souls!* And then ſhall the merciful Judge ſay, " Inaſmuch as they have done thus to *the leaſt of theſe* MY *Bre-* " *thren*, I moſt graciouſly accept, impute, and reward it, as " done to MYSELF. Then ſhall he richly recompenſe his own " Gifts, in the meaneſt Services of thoſe that have cared for " the Souls of the *Poor*; and thenceforward ſhall ſuch *wiſe* " *Teachers*, as have *turned many to Righteouſneſs, ſhine forth as* " *the Brightneſs of the Firmament, and as the Stars for ever* " *and ever*. And the more they are, the brighter will they " ſhine, and reflect the greater Luſtre on each other, to the " Praiſe of the Glory of God's Grace, wherein *they are ac-* " *cepted in the Beloved*." — *Dr* Moss's *Charity Sermon, on* Prov. xxii. 2.

EXTRACTS *of* LETTERS *and* CERTIFICATES *received from* Michaelmas 1757, *to* Michaelmas 1758, *from ſeveral Clergymen and others, concerning the* Circulating *Welch* Charity Schools, *and the Behaviour of the Maſters therein employed, in the Counties of* South *and* North Wales.

N. B. *Many more Certificates have been received, than are thought neceſſary to be publiſhed.*

Gwytherin in *Denbighſhire*, Nov. 17, 1757.

Reverend SIR,

W—F—the Charity School Teacher, has applied for another Certificate of his Conduct. The Proficiency his Scholars have made in ſo ſhort a Time have convinced me of his Capacity and Conduct. It is Perſeverance only that keeps Honour bright. I therefore aſſure you, that I ſhall no more Certify for this Man's good Behaviour, than Juſtice to the poor Children, as well as my own Conſcience tells me, he deſerves it. The Poverty of the Pariſhioners forbid all Hopes of making any Addition to the pious Benefaction, though they ſeem very thankful for the Benefit they receive thereby; wiſhing they had it in their Power to make the leaſt Return. Succeeding Miniſters at *Gwytherin* will find Perſons to anſwer the *Reſponſes* in Church, which we at preſent have

not, the very Parish *Clerk* being *illiterate*. You must be sensible how great an Inconveniency this is, which the Continuance of your Charity will prevent.—Your's, *&c.*

Hugh Davies, Curate.

Gwynvey-Chapel in *Langatock*, *Carmarthenshire*, December 10, 1757.

Reverend SIR,

THE *Welch* Charity School that you were pleased to bestow upon the poor Inhabitants of this Chapelry, has done so much Good that they beg of me to return you their unfeigned Thanks, the great Progress the Children made in so short a Time, I myself am Witness to: They have been before me repeating the Church Catechism by Heart, and the Exposition of the same. And many of them can, and do make the *Responses* on Sundays publicly in the Chapel, and say their *Amen* now, with an audible Voice; and some of them can read tolerably well, as the School-Master directs them; and they do use the Prayers of the Church at Home, with their poor and ignorant Family: And most of them now can say the Graces before and after Meat, which they could not before. And as the said Schoolmaster has been very diligent and successful in his Office the last Quarter, always attending divine Service, makes me humbly beg you will continue him for one Quarter longer, for the sake of the Illiterate here; for we have great Reason to praise God for his Kindness to us, in raising such Instruments for the eternal Welfare of the poor and ignorant People,

ple, and that God may reward you here and hereafter for these your good Deeds, is the sincere Prayer of, *&c.*

John Williams, Curate of *Gwinvey.*

Llangatock in *Carmarthenshire*, Dec. 12, 1757.

SIR,

W—I—has for some Time taught a *Welch* School in the Hamlet of *Gwinse* in this Parish. His Behaviour, as heretofore, has been pious, careful and industrious. I have the best Evidence of his Fidelity in the Discharge of his Trust, from the Proficiency the Children have made. I examined them Yesterday at our Church, as I did once before at the Chapel of *Gwinvey:* I found them very perfect in the Church Catechism, and some of them in a good Part of the Exposition of it. I do not doubt but it will give you the same Pleasure to hear, as it did me to observe, that their Behaviour at divine Service was not only *decent*, but *devout*; and that they made the proper *Responses* in a regular Manner. The Children have got by Heart Prayers for Morning and Evening, and likewise short Graces before and after Meat; if they use these in their respective Families, as they say they do, the good Effect thereof may be very considerable, for the ignorant Parents may be taught from the Mouths of Babes to glorify their Creator.—The Master has done his Part, by training up those under his Inspection in the Way they should go; whereas without his Assistance they might very likely have been trained in the Way they should *not* go. God

grant that the Reſt of their Lives may be according to this Beginning. I am, *&c.*

Ow. Evans, Vicar of *Langatock*.

Trelech in *Carmarthenſhire*, Dec. 27, 1757.

Reverend SIR,

I Find the Scholars in the *Welch* Charity School laſt Quarter were about *Ninety*; when I was there laſt, the Number at School then was *Fifty Five*, and upon Examination it appeared that they came on as well as can be expected in ſo ſhort a Time. O that we may all, with Zeal, Vigour and Prudence, make the beſt uſe of the Advantages that our moſt gracious God has put in our Hands towards promoting his Glory, and the ſpiritual Welfare of our poor fellow Creatures, eſpecially now, when the Moſt High and jealous Jehovah threatens the Nation with ſo many dreadful Viſitations. Dear Sir, we return you our moſt unfeigned and joint Thanks for ſo many repeated Favours you have pleaſed to beſtow upon us. My chief Hope of being uſeful in this Pariſh, is, under God, the Aſſiſtance of this Charity; which indeed, has been very extenſive, not only in granting us the School, but likewiſe in beſtowing ſo many *Welch* Books gratis on my poor Neighbours and Pariſhioners. In juſtice to the *Welch* Schoolmaſter you were pleaſed to favour us with in this Pariſh, I certify, that his Character in every Reſpect, and his Qualifications to diſcharge the Truſt repoſed in him, are unexceptionable: his Diligence and Faithfulneſs is viſible by the Improvement his Pupils made in ſo ſhort a Time, which is not inconſiderable, though moſt of them were Beginners and very young.

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The Poor here esteem the *Welch* Schools as one of the greatest Blessings, that ever divine Providence bestowed upon them, as they are Means, under the Influence of the holy Spirit, to bring their little Ones to the Knowledge of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, the Lord our Righteousness; who, otherwise would have been left to the wide World without any Instruction, and almost, if not altogether, as ignorant of the Things that pertain to their Peace with God, as the miserable Inhabitants of *India*; miserable indeed! and dreadful Condition this!

As the School is so considerable, we desire the Continuance of the Master in the same Place for some Time longer; thereby you will still lay more Obligations on him, who, *&c.*

Ben. Morgans, Vicar of *Trelech.*

Letterston in *Pembrokeshire*, Jan. 9, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

WHAT I said formerly in Commendation of *I—D—* Master of the *Welch* Charity School in this Village, I must again repeat, if I do Justice to his Character, since he has not at all slackened his Industry in attending constantly his School: this I can assure you upon my own Knowledge, both by what I saw and observed; and the Children under his Care I examined in their Catechism, and found they could repeat it all very distinct and well, except two or three of the youngest; and what they did repeat, they seemed to understand, having learned your Exposition on it, in that Part they did repeat; this the Master is to be commended for, since he is not desirous any of his Scholars should appear like Parrots. That it

it may pleaſe God to give them Grace to practiſe that which they have learnt, ſo as to anſwer the End of that laudable Charity in giving them ſuch Advantage, are the ſincere Wiſhes of, *&c.*

George Harries, Rector.

Llangendeirn in *Carmarthenſhire*, Jan. 16, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

WHEREAS a *Welch* Charity School has for ſome time paſt been taught at a Place called *Cae'r Canvas* in the Pariſh of *Llanelly*, and a conſiderable Number of my Pariſhioners of *Llangendeirn*, both young and old, have duly attended it, and were greatly benefited thereby; I have been deſired by them to return you their Thanks, as I do my own hearty Thanks, for ſo valuable a Favour; and by Reaſon that many of them could not attend but only in the *Night* Time (being obliged to Work hard by *Day* to earn their daily Bread) whereby they were incapacitated from making ſo great an Improvement in Chriſtian Knowledge as what they might have otherwiſe done; it is their earneſt Requeſt, Sir, that you would be pleaſed to vouchſafe them a Continuance of the ſaid School, for one Quarter longer, in order that they may perfect what they have already ſo happily begun; for in my humble Opinion, no Corner of our Country ſtands in greater need of Chriſtian Inſtruction. Your Compliance with this Requeſt will be an additional Obligation to all thoſe already conferred upon, *&c.*

James Edwards, Curate.

Llanhaiarn in *Carnarvonſhire*, Jan. 17, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

THIS is to certify, that *G—I*—Teacher of a Charity School at *Llanhaiarn*, had the laſt Quarter above *Five and Twenty* Scholars under his Care, which is a conſiderable Number in ſuch a ſmall Pariſh as this, and at a cold Time of the Year. I examined them all one Morning, and found ſome a Spelling and others a Reading tolerably well, and he very ſober and careful about them. This kind of Teaching is the moſt uſeful Charity ever thought of, for it brings Children early to ſee the one Thing neceſſary; and Education without any Knowledge of Religion, is like painted Glaſs, that nothing is ſeen through it; ſo the politeſt Knowledge, without Knowledge of Scripture, muſt be tinctured with ſome Pride and Prejudice, to darken the Underſtanding and pervert the Mind. This School may well be compared to that Window the Jews had in their Oratories, which always pointed to their *Kibla*, or places of Worſhip; which ſhews that Religion ſhould be the chief Object of our Knowledge, and that, with the great Apoſtle, we ſhould reckon no Knowledge of any Account, without the Knowledge of Jeſus Chriſt, and him crucified. I am, *&c.*

Richard Nanney, Rector of the ſame.

Aberffraw

Aberffraw in *Angleſea*, Jan. 29, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

WE have been favoured with a *Welch* Charity School, at the Pariſh and Town of *Aberffraw*, for the laſt Quarter ending Yeſterday. *I—P*— the Maſter thereof, behaved himſelf ſober and diligent, and the Children under his Inſpection have made what advances in their Chriſtian Knowledge could be expected from their Years. Their Parents acknowledge the Favour done their Children with a deep Senſe of Gratitude. And indeed whoever gives himſelf the Trouble to review the languid Condition of the Chriſtian Religion in theſe Countries, a few Years ago, and the preſent Eagerneſs of the People to procure theſe Seminaries, and godly Books, eſpecially *Welch* Bibles; cannot but readily confeſs, that the Hand of God is in this Affair; and therefore muſt think himſelf obliged in Duty to God and Man, to adore the one, and thankfully to acknowledge the Value of this nobleſt Charity, the generous Contributors have thought proper to diſburſe to ſave periſhing Souls. Was all the World equally affected with the real Neceſſity of ſuch Methods of reviving the only Religion which can poſſibly elevate Man, and bring us to the Subſtance from the Shadow and Form of Godlineſs; I cannot well conceive, but Clergy and Laity would be ſo preſſing upon you, Sir, that it would be almoſt impoſſible to hold up a Fund, anſwerable to ſupport the Expence thereof; but God, who better knows his Time and Method of Operation, knows alſo when to ſtrike out Floods of living Waters from the moſt rocky Hearts.

I am

I am ſorry, Sir, to detain you ſo long, nor would I have done it, if I had not been ſenſible that your generous and Chriſtian Diſpoſition would be very ill uſed, if the ſlender Tribute of Gratitude and an Acknowledgment of the Aſſiſtance done me towards a Diſcharge of my Duty, and the qualifying of my Pariſhioners to receive greater Impreſſions from what is delivered them publicly to heal their Souls, was not cordially complied with, by, *&c*

Hugh Williams, Rector Ibid.

Langan in *Glamorganſhire*, Feb. 2, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

NOtwithſtanding the Shortneſs of the Days at this Time of the Year, the Children have proceeded better than I expected. Their Appearance in Church gives the Pariſhioners great Satisfaction, and their ſaying the Catechiſm publicly obliges their Hearers to allow, that it is a glorious Charity thus to inſtruct them ſo early. The Maſter is laborious amongſt them, and teaches ſome Servants and grown People, by Night, and we deſire he may continue another Quarter. Yours, *&c.*

David Pruddero, Rector of *Langan*.

P. S. This Clergyman adds in a Letter (*Aug.* 15.) That the Scholars improved beyond the Expectation of thoſe who heard them examined; and that ſeveral adult Perſons owned that the Inſtructions they received by hearing them *Catechiſed*, were fixed more in their Memory than what they heard from the Pulpit.

Llaneingan

Llaneingan in *Carnarvonshire*, Feb. 21, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

TIME permits me not to deliver my Sentiments of the present Condition of the Country, and consequently of the *Circulating Welch Charity Schools.* The Master of that taught at *Llaneingan*, behaved himself sober and diligent; but his Number of Pupils were not answerable to my Expectation; owing, as you will readily conclude, to the Scantiness of Provision, which still prevails in this Country. The People are really eager for the Continuance of them, and some of them almost angry, when they have an Intimation of their being likely to be discontinued. I am sorry to press too hard upon Good-naturedness, yet cannot but desire I may have the Favour of its Removal to another Parish I am Curate of. Your gratifying of this my Ambition I am no ways able to requite; but by my earnest Prayer to Him, that is able to recompence you and all the Benefactors, and to repay you your Bills of Exchange an Hundred-fold in a better World, and with better Enjoyments than this can afford. I am, with ardent Desire of your Welfare, *&c.*

John Hughs.

A Letter from a Gentleman, in or near Llandissiliogogo *in* Cardiganshire. Gwndwn, *Feb.* 4, 1758

Reverend SIR,

THE Benefit that our Neighbourhood received this last Quarter from the *Welch* School, incites us to bless God, and to return you our hearty Thanks, praying God to reward all the

Promoters of ſo needful a Charity, I make bold to acquaint you that *M—R*—the Schoolmaſter at preſent in *Llandiſſilio* Pariſh has uſed his utmoſt Diligence in a very engaging and familiar Way, to draw People of all Ages to be taught with Delight and Pleaſure: in this Manner the Young and the Old have reaped uncommon Benefit in ſo ſmall a Time.—When the Parents and other Labourers, and indeed many Farmers, ſaw the Children ſo well inſtructed in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, then they, who were of riper Years flocked there by Night, with their Candles and Fuels, deſiring with great Concern to be likewiſe inſtructed. And I own, we, who were Standers by, had no ſmall Pleaſure and Satisfaction in ſeeing the Willingneſs of the Maſter to teach them, together with the Willingneſs of the Neighbourhood to be taught by him. I therefore pray God to proſper and increaſe the Number of faithful Schoolmaſters. I hope you will take Notice of him for the Encouragement of others, and leave him to continue ſome Time longer here, which will oblige, *&c.*

Watkin Watkins.

Llwyn Dafydd in *Cardiganſhire.*

THESE are to certify that *M—R*—Schoolmaſter of the *Welch* Charity School taught at *Llwyn Dafydd*, in the Pariſh of *Llandiſſilio-gogo*, hath for a full Quarter there, taught Men, Women and Children, all according to their ſeveral Capacities, to ſpell, read, and to underſtand the Church Catechiſm, in its ſeveral Parts; and hath alſo inſtructed them in many other Articles by way of Queſtion and Anſwer, in the Principles of

of the Christian Religion; together with *Morning and Evening Prayer*, *two Graces* and the *Responses* in divine Service. They have been often examined by me in private at the School-House, and on three several Sundays in public, in the two Churches of *Llandissilio-gogo*, and *Llangrannog*, where every one answered to the full Satisfaction of myself and all the Auditors. I do unfeignedly attest, and certify the same, who am, *&c.*

Ev. Evans, Minister of the said Parish.

P. S. I beg the Continuance of the School a little longer, the Master being a Man of a very sober Life and good Conversation, using Lenity and Affableness towards all his Scholars, and makes it his constant Care and Study to attend and edify both Men and Children that resort to him.

Lanvigan in *Breconshire*, Feb. 13, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

AS *I-M*—is quitting his School in my Parish, having spent three Quarters in it with Care and Assiduity, I can do no less than acknowledge, in the Name of my Parishioners, my Obligations to you for the Favour. I believe indeed, he does his Duty conscientiously, and the Children by their Examination in Church, shewed, that they have not been wanting in theirs. I pray God that they may continue in the Belief and Practice of what they have been instructed in. Then will they not forget to bless their Benefactors; but in due Time will, together with them (not being forgetful Hearers, but Doers of the Word) be blessed in their Deed. I am, *&c.*

Geo. Powel.

Keidio

Keidio in *Carnarvonshire*, Feb. 13, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

THIS is to certify that G—P—Schoolmaster of the *Welch* Charity School in the Parish of *Keidio*, has behaved soberly, and has been very industrious in his Function during the last Quarter, (ended *Feb.* 12.) for which inestimable Favour, my Parishioners, especially the poor Children's Parents and Self, return you and the pious Benefactors and Supporters of this exceeding necessary Charity, our sincerest Thanks: and may it prosper whereever it is bestowed, is the hearty Prayer of, *&c.*

Griff. Rowlands, Minister.

Conwyl Elvet, *Carmarthenshire*, Feb. 29, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

IN Justice to the young Man, who taught your *Welch* Charity School at *Pen-y-ceiran* in this Parish, I certify that he, during his stay there, behaved himself altogether conformable to the Rules prescribed for that Purpose: and that the well-disposed Inhabitants of this Parish, having had repeated Experience of the Benefit of these Schools, are thoroughly sensible, and very thankfully acknowledge, how very useful they are towards promoting Christian Knowledge, Reformation of Manners, and Family Worship among the People; especially keeping holy the Lord's Day, which is now more solemnly observed, where these religious Nurseries are, but still shockingly profaned where they are not; in sincere and grateful Acknowledgment of the great Benefit received by them, the well-disposed of my Pa-

 rishioners,

rishioners, have, of their own Accord, this Year, again on the late Fast-Day, as they also did the Year before, subscribed and sent you their Contributions of *Five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Seven Pence*, towards carrying on so laudable and truly Christian Design; hoping through the Influence of divine Grace, it may redound to the Glory of God, and Salvation of the Poor; who, without the Assistance of their charitable Benefactors towards instructing of them, would in all probability continue groping in the Dark, without ever coming to the Knowledge of their Duty to God or Man. I am, *&c.*

John Prichard, Curate.

Aberystruth in *Monmouthshire*, March 9, 1758.

Reverend Sir,

THIS is to certify, that the Bearer hereof *L—I*—Master of the *Welch* Charity School here, has behaved himself for the last Quarter, which is out the Eleventh of this Instant, very diligent in teaching the Children committed to his Care: they have often publicly repeated the Church Catechism by Heart, and Part of the excellent Exposition thereof, to the great Satisfaction of the Congregation. The Parents of the Children and myself, return our most grateful Thanks for the beneficial Charity bestowed upon us. And that God of his Goodness may abundantly reward you, and the worthy Benefactors, with his Blessings here, and Happiness hereafter, is, and shall be the fervent and earnest Prayer of, *&c.*

Richard Edwards, Curate.
Aberystruth

Aberystruth in *Monmouthshire*, March 13, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

WE the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Aberystruth* in the County of *Monmouth*, return you our sincere and hearty Thanks, for the Benefit we have received through your Benevolence, in the Enjoyment of a *Welch* Charity School this Year, as well as formerly, and the Distribution of Books amongst the Scholars, for their Edification and Instruction in the Principles of the Christian Religion. We are under an indispensible Obligation, always sincerely and constantly to pray, that the Almighty would bless you, and all those that promote so necessary, useful and beneficial a Work, in endeavouring to infuse, and rivet Christian Principles and Knowledge for reforming the Morals of the rising Generation, as well as the Ignorance of the Aged, in this dark and hilly Part of *Wales*. Dear Sir, we are with the utmost Sincerity, your, *&c.*

Signed by Eighteen of the said Parishioners.

Llywel in *Breconshire*, March 17, 1758.

THIS is to certify, that *H—L—* who taught a *Welch* Charity School in this Parish, hath in all Respects behaved himself in a pious and sober Manner, and hath diligently instructed the Children under his Care, according to the Rules prescribed for him, which I can attest as I am Curate of the said Parish; and had the Pleasure to observe both the Conduct of the Master and Scholars: and to my Satisfaction, the Scholars made a good Progress in their Learning. Great

many of them have learnt their Catechiſm. I have examined them publicly twice or thrice, their Number I remember not, but can aſſure the Benefactors they were great many; and could wiſh if agreeable to the ſaid Benefactors, that ſo public a Good might be continued for one Quarter longer. And that God may reward the charitable Contributors, and ſhower down his Bleſſing upon all good Intentions, is the earneſt Wiſh of, *&c.*

Lewelyn Lewelyn, Curate.

Cwmſidan in *Llanſadwrn* in *Carmarthenſhire*, April 3, 1758.

—I Return you my moſt hearty Thanks for the great Bleſſing you beſtowed upon the Poor and Vulgar of this Pariſh; hoping in the Almighty, that they will make good Uſe of it, and always pray for them that beſtowed thoſe Means of Grace and Knowledge upon them.—The Schoolmaſter has now upwards of *Fifty* Scholars. He is exceeding diligent about them, and has performed great Wonders in ſo ſhort a Time; great many that did not know ſo much as the Lord's Prayer, can now read diſtinctly, and repeat their Catechiſm by Heart before the whole Congregation, and a great Part of the Expoſition. May God reward you and all Supporters of this Charity, is the hearty Prayer of, *&c.*

Phil. Davies.

Llanedi in *Carmarthenſhire*, April 4, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

THIS is to certify, that *T—O*—Teacher of the *circulating Welch Charity School* in this Pariſh, bears a very good Character, and is careful and

and diligent in the Buſineſs he is concerned in. The Improvement of the Children under his Care, in reading the Bible, and repeating the Catechiſm and the Expoſition thereof in *Welch*, has been ſo great, that it not only gives a Proſpect in our Pariſh of the Chriſtian Religion's flouriſhing in future Ages, but ſeems alreadyto have enlivened it greatly even in this. Therefore the Continuance here of the ſaid School is humbly begged for one Quarter longer. Theſe happy Schemes (the *Welch* Charity Schools) by your prudent and exact Regulation of them, and Care and Diligence of ſo capable and well-behaved Schoolmaſters, muſt undoubtedly afford the greateſt Pleaſure in the Hearts of all good Chriſtians, as they cannot fail of anſwering the End of their Inſtitution, that is, the Glory of God, and the Salvation of Mens Souls. May God, the Author of all good Gifts, always enable the worthy Promoters and Managers thereof to ſupport and carry on this Deſign; and, to that End, may this Pariſh, as well as other Pariſhes, be never wanting in its moſt hearty Thanks to God, and all good Men therein concerned, for ſo great a Bleſſing, is, with great Truth, the ſincere Wiſhes of all my Pariſhioners, as well as of, *&c.*

William Price, Curate.

Llangian in *Carnarvonſhire*, May 12, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

I Hereby certify the generous Contributors towards this nobleſt Charity, the *circulating Welch Charity Schools*, for the good Behaviour of *R—E* —Teacher of a School kept in the Pariſh Church of *Llangian* in the County of *Carnarvon*, for his

Quarter ending to Morrow. It is truly lamentable that such an excellent Design reaps not its full Effect in its amplest Latitude; but it cannot be helped, when the Poor are so much distressed by the Height of the Market, which, God be praised, begins to become full, and benign to the Indigent. However, this Labour of Love is no Ways lost, but disperses visibly more and more. It has Influence upon the Negligent and Careless, from the Example of those already affected with its Benefits; so that Old and Young of the most profligate Race, own a Beauty of Holiness in the real Professors of Christ's Religion. May you, Sir, and all generous Promoters of Christ's Kingdom, prosper in all your noble Designs, and in the End, receive the eternal Kingdom of Glory for your Reward, is the sincere Prayer of, *&c.*

John Hughs.

Llansadurn in *Carmarthenshire*, May 29, 1758.

Dear SIR,

I Think myself under an indispensible Duty, to send you an Account of the present Situation of the *Welch Charity School* in the Parish of *Lansadurn*, at a Place called *Wein-Glin-da*; the Progress made in Reading, and in the Principles of the Christian Religion, by adult Persons and Youth, is to my Admiration: the Master's Behaviour is unexceptionably good. He often goes, late in the Evening, when School Time is over, to some Neighbour's House, where he spends some Hours in Catechising and inculcating the Principles of Religion, to the great Advantage of whole Families; he himself, and those committed to his Care, attend the Church constantly on *Sundays*,

days, where their Behaviour is very decent, with regard to the repeating of the Church Catechism, in a distinct Manner, the Exposition thereof, and the two Prayers they are in great Measure Masters of; and they appear to me to repeat them with due Attention and Devotion. The above Account I can give from my own Knowledge, having often examined them publicly in Church, to the Edification of the whole Congregation; and privately in School, to my own Satisfaction. My Parishioners and Self join in returning due Thanks to the pious and well-disposed Contributors, and Encouragers of so excellent a Charity; not doubting, but that they will hereafter shine in Glory, as Stars of the first Magnitude: And I do assure you, Sir, that my best Endeavours shall not be wanting in carrying on a Work of Charity that has been most excellently begun. If consistent with the Rules of the Schools, it would be an additional Obligation laid upon my Parishioners, and Self, to continue the present Master at *Lansadurn* for some Time longer, which, I hope, under God, will be of Advantage to great many dear and immortal Souls. I am, *&c.*

Walter Thomas, Vicar of *Lansadurn*.

Llanfairmathafam Eitha in *Anglesea*, June 4, 1758.

Reverend Sir,

I Do hereby certify, that O—O— Parish Clerk of *Llanfairmathafam Eitha*, performed the Office of a Schoolmaster in the Parish Church of *Llanfair* aforesaid, who, being very well qualified for the Employment, discharged his Duty faithfully and honestly, by a sober, regular and exemplary Deportment, and Industry in inculcating

the Principles of the Christian Religion upon the tender Minds of such as were committed to his Care, and teaching them to repeat and utter the *Responses* audibly and decently. The Distance I live at from the School, permits me not the frequent Opportunities I could wish of a narrower Inspection into the Number of Scholars; however, I am well satisfied, not only of its Usefulness, but that Numbers in my Parish have reaped, (I speak by Experience) incredible Advantage by it, and that the Master's Conduct (as far as I could learn) has been unexceptionable in all Respects. I beg leave, in the Name of all the Persons who partake of the Benefit of the said School, as well as for myself, to return our grateful Acknowledgment and due Thanks to you, and all the worthy Supporters of this most excellent Charity, bestowed upon our poor ignorant fellow Creatures: And I pray God, it may prosper whereever it is bestowed, and that the Glory of God may be advanced thereby, in the Salvation of poor Souls, and that the Christian Promoters of it, may be rewarded an Hundred-fold. I am, *&c.*

Ellis Thomas.

Penrhôs in *Anglesea*, June 8, 1758.

I Do hereby certify, that T—O—Master of the circulating *Welch* Charity School in this Parish, hath behaved himself soberly, and hath been very careful and diligent in instructing those poor Children committed to his Care, to spell and read the *Welch* Language: and as the most Part of them are so very young that they cannot make a great Proficiency in so short a Time, yet am in Hopes (under God) that in another Quarter, they will be able to read well, and give an Account of themselves

ſelves in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion. Theſe Childrens Parents are highly pleaſed and ſatisfied with the Conduct of the ſaid School-maſter, who, all join with me, in ſincere and hearty Thanks to, and Prayers for the good Benefactors, and pious Promoters of this moſt neceſſary and laudable Charity, *&c.*

Lewis Owen, Miniſter of *Penrhôs Lligwy.*

St Brides Minor in *Glamorganſhire*, June 12, 1758.

THIS is to certify, that *M—E*—hath taught a *Welch* Charity School at *Velin vâch* in the Pariſh of *St Brides Minor*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, for half a Year, ending the Twelfth of this preſent Inſtant, that ſhe is a Perſon of unqueſtionable Character, and hath acquitted herſelf with Diligence and Succeſs in the Diſcharge of her Duty. Her poor Scholars have been ſeveral Times catechiſed in Church at the Time of divine Service, and always anſwered to Satisfaction. I am, *&c.*

John Charles, Rector of *St Brides Minor.*

Kelly-Gare in *Glamorganſhire*, July 13, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

I Do hereby (in behalf of myſelf and Pariſhioners, and more eſpecially the Poor of this large Pariſh) return you and all your fellow Labourers, my beſt Thanks for the great Favour of having at ſeveral Times paſt the Benefit of one of your *Welch* Charity Schools, as well as for the preſent One, taught by *L—I*—at *Clwyd-y-vedw* in our Pariſh. The Number of poor Children under his Tuition,

Truition are *Fifty*, who were catechised on *Sunday* the *Twenty fifth* of last Month at our Parish Church, before a numerous Congregation; who, considering that neither of them before had an Opportunity to know the Difference of one Letter from another, and who must have continued in that deplorable Condition, had it not been for this noble and blessed Undertaking, answered the Church Catechism, and some other necessary Questions in the Fundamentals of the Christian Religion, to the Admiration of all the Congregation; who all desired to return Thanks for the great Benefit of this Charity to the Poor. The Congregation commended the Schoolmaster, who indeed deserves Commendation, and behaves himself becoming the Trust reposed in him. The Place where the School is at present is somewhat Mountainous, where there never was a School before, though I attempted several Times to settle one there for the Benefit of their poor Souls; but my Endeavours about it always proved ineffectual, until this very Time.—After the Master had instructed the Children for some Time in the Principles of Religion, which their Parents were ignorant of, both their Parents and others came to the School to hear them examined, who, all admired the Master, and the Progress the Children had made; counting it a kind of Miracle. The Fame of this spread through the whole Neighbourhood, insomuch that their Number increased immediately to *Fifty* Scholars; and now heartily pray for the Continuance of the School, and the same Teacher, and beg of me to interceed with you for them. Such was the Ignorance of some of the Children, about *fifteen* Years old, as never to have been present at any Place of divine Worship before. This is shocking indeed! but the Schoolmaster and others can very well certify the

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Truth of it, the ſeveral Queſtions the poor Children aſked the Maſter, ſhewed their groſs and incredible Ignorance, which together, with the general Call that is now for Inſtruction in every Quarter of thoſe Hamlets, will move you, to pity them; and indeed if the School ſhould be taken away, they would be too apt to rail againſt me, which I hope your Continuance of it will prevent. I have ſeveral other Motives to offer, but am afraid of being too troubleſome, therefore I conclude, wiſhing you Health and Happineſs in this World, and a Hundred-fold Reward in the next. May theſe *Fifty* poor Children, together with Thouſands of others, praiſe God in the Day of Judgment, for the Aſſiſtance of this Charity to deliver them from eternal Miſery, and may I alſo with them acknowledge the great Help I received towards diſcharging my Duty. I am, *&c.*

George Parry, Curate of *Kellygare*.

Blaen-porth in *Cardiganſhire*, June 24, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

THIS waits of you to certify the good, regular and induſtrious Behaviour of *I—T*—the *Welch* Schoolmaſter, who for this laſt Quarter, in my Pariſh of *Blaen-porth*, had under his care many Scholars, whom he inſtructed faithfully during their Stay under his Tuition, eſpecially in the catechetical Part; his Scholars can, in their own Words, by queſtioning of them, run through all the moſt material Parts of a Body of Divinity; many of them have learnt ſeveral Parts of your Expoſition on the Church Catechiſm, which by often examining of them, gave me and others uncommon Satisfaction. It is a very agreeable Sight

Sight indeed, to ſee a full School, *many* in *Raggs*, *all* upon *Charity*, learning thus to *put on Chriſt*. What a Curb this will be, through divine Grace, to ſtop many Children from running headlong to Deſtruction! It tends to ſubdue their Paſſions, and Diſorders which betray moſt People to many Evils in this Life.—Too many may be ſeen in our Days, ſome Scores of Years old, as thoughtleſs of the eternal World as if they had almoſt never heard of it, and as ignorant almoſt as *Indians*, all owing to the want of catechetical Inſtruction when young. What excellent Attempts are made in our Days, towards the Reformation of the preſent, at leaſt of the riſing Generation, is viſible to every one that conſiders the Benefit of theſe catechiſing Schools; may they ſpread and proſper, and the Promotion of them be amply rewarded, is the ſincere Prayer of, *&c.*

John Thomas, Curate of *Blaen-porth*.

Ystrad-Owen in *Glamorganſhire*, July 30, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

THIS is to certify that *R—I*—Teacher of the *Welch* Charity School in our Pariſh Church for the laſt Quarter, has behaved herſelf very civil and regular, and diſcharged her Duty with ſo great Induſtry, that the poor Children under her Tuition have in ſo ſhort a Time, made an uncommon Proficiency in their Spelling, Reading, and repeating the Church Catechiſm, though great many of them are the youngeſt of all that I ever taught and examined; yet in examining them, at different Times, they anſwered extremely well, to the agreeable Surpriſe of all the Congregation, and my great Satisfaction: for which,

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may God Almighty amply reward you, and all others, who are generous Benefactors in contributing towards teaching and furthering the Ignorant in the Paths of divine Knowledge, is the sincere Prayers of, as well themselves, their Parents and Parishioners, and also of your, *&c.*

Lewis Lewis, Rector of *Lanbary* and Curate of *Ystrad Owen.*

Bullbook in *Pembrokeshire*, August 1, 1751.

Reverend SIR,

THE Bearer hereof, being *Welch* Schoolmaster at my Cure in *Maenclochog*, has been so diligent in his Office, that there are three of his Scholars, that can repeat Parts of your Exposition on the Catechism. I have examined them last *Sunday*, and find, that they make a very good Progress therein, which is, in every Respect, owing to their Master's Diligence; therefore I must desire of you to continue him this Quarter in my Parish, because I find such charitable Work contributes much to the Glory of God, in bringing poor Souls from Darkness to Light, and to the Knowledge of the Things which belong to Salvation. I am sensible, there are great many poor Children in my Parish, who, for what I know, would perish in Ignorance, if it were not for such a School. Your Compliance therein will highly oblige, *&c.*

Griffith Twining, Curate of *Maenclochog.*

Penmachno in *Carnarvonshire*, August 17, 1758.

THIS is to certify whom it may concern, that *I—I—* Master of the *Welch* Charity School at *Penmachno*, has behaved in all Respects

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ſober and regular, and was very faithful in diſcharging his Duty conformable to the preſcribed Rules of the ſaid Schools. I have often viſited his Scholars, whom, upon Examination, I found to be well inſtructed, and to have made a conſiderable Progreſs, conſidering their tender Age, and the ſhort Time they have been under his Inſtruction; but ſome of the Scholars are ſo poor, that they are neceſſitated to go about to beg their Bread, and cannot conſtantly attend; however they are in a fair Way of acquiring that Knowledge of God and Jeſus Chriſt his Son, that will bring them to eternal Life through the Grace of God, which is owing to the Care of the Maſter, who takes great Pains with them, in teaching them when they can conveniently attend him. The poor Childrens Parents are duly ſenſible of the Benefit they have *already* received, and are *ſtill* likely to receive from this noble Benefaction, provided the School may be conveniently permitted to continue here for ſome Time longer. They likewiſe join with me in returning our grateful Acknowledgment and ſincere Thanks to the Promoters of this moſt beneficial Charity, the beſt ever beſtowed upon the poor Inhabitants of *Wales*; as it is the moſt uſeful Method ever thought on, of promoting Chriſtian Knowledge amongſt the Vulgar and Illiterate; who, on Account of their low Circumſtances in Life, are unavoidably kept in the Dark, in regard to Things which pertain to their eternal Concerns, even the Salvation of their Souls. May Heaven bleſs the pious Endeavours of the Benefactors and Supporters thereof: May all Happineſs attend them here, and may they receive an eternal Weight of Glory hereafter, is the ſincere Wiſh of, *&c.*

Joſeph Jones, Miniſter of *Penmachno.*

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Llanstephan in *Carmarthenshire*, Sep. 15, 1758.

Reverend SIR,

BEING employed this Year to perform *Welch* Duty in the Parish Church of *Laugharne*, I am by the Direction of the Reverend Mr *Stanford*, the Vicar thereof, to certify, that the *Welch* Schoolmaster in that Parish brought his Scholars to the said Church, where I publicly examined them in the Church Catechism, and the Exposition thereof, who answered to the *Satisfaction*, and I hope, the *Edification* of myself, and the Congregation then present; by which it appeared, that the Schoolmaster had quitted himself faithfully in that important Trust, of instructing the poor Children of the said Parish, during the Time he continued there. May the Lord reward the Endeavours of all the Promoters of this best of Charities. The Tendency of the *Welch* Charity Schools, to increase the Knowledge, and revive the Spirit of Christianity among the poor Natives of *Wales*, cannot but be visible to all that have the Interest of their Saviour, and his Religion at Heart.—Catechising of Youth, and instilling into their Minds the Principles of sound Doctrine, is one of the most effectual Means, by God's Blessing, to stem the flowing Tide of Iniquity, and to bring on a Reformation amongst us. And what can more effectually guard the Minds of Youth against falling a Prey to Seducers, that lie in wait to deceive, than storing their Minds, when young and tender, with the pure Word of God.—To enlarge on the Usefulness of the *circulating Welch Charity Schools* is needless, since they have sufficiently recommended themselves to all that wish the endless Welfare of the Poor, and the

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Advancement of our holy Religion. That God may reward the Benefactors, is the ſincere Prayer of, *&c.*

Samuel Evans, Curate.

Holyhead in *Angleſea*, October 5, 1758.

THIS is to certify, that *I—T—* behaved diligently in his Office during the Quarter that he had the Care of the *Welch* circulating School in this Pariſh, as appears by the Proficiency of his Scholars, in ſo ſhort a Time. The great Uſefulneſs of the *Welch* Charity Schools appears ſo ſtrongly from long Experience, that they ſtand in need of no further Recommendation: And I hope, that the Inſtruction gained thereby, will be a Means of introducing *religious Converſation* among our People; than which, nothing tends more to each other's Edification and mutual Furtherance in Grace and Godlineſs; and to the ſhameful want whereof it is chiefly owing that there is ſo little Appearance of Religion even on the *Lord's Day*; and that every Subject, is better reliſhed by all Companies than the *one Thing needful.* That we may all ſtrive to remedy this very ſinful Neglect of our Duty, is the ſincere Wiſh of,

Thomas Ellis, Lecturer of *Holyhead.*

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An Account of the Circulating and Catechetical WELCH CHARITY SCHOOLS, FROM Michaelmas 1757, *to* Michaelmas 1758.

In these *Schools* (supported by the Charitable Benefactions of the Well-disposed, whom we pray GOD to bless and reward) Men, Women and Children, being ignorant of the *English* Tongue, are taught to read their native *British* Language, and *catechetically* instructed *every* Day they are at School, and many in the Night who cannot attend by Day, in the Principles and Duties of Religion, out of the *Church Catechism*, and the Explanation of it, for *Four* or *Five*, and sometimes for *Six* Months, or longer, as those who desire to learn have need of them, and at such Times of the Year, as the Poor can best spare from their Labours to attend them.

Welch Charity Schools in *Anglesea*.

Where taught	No of Scholars.
Trevdraeth Par. C.	38
Aberffraw P. C.	36
Llan-elian Par. Ch.	53
Llangefni Par. Ch.	52
Llanvair pwll-gwingill Par. C.	42
Ceirchiog Par. Ch.	59
Carried over	280

Where taught	No of Schoolars.
Brought over	280
Llanfwrog Par. Ch.	53
Llangeinwen Par. Ch.	44
Llanbabo Par. Ch.	72
Llan Beulan Par. Ch.	81
Penrhoslligwy P. C.	54
Llanvairmathafarn Eitha P. Ch.	53
Llanddyfnan P. Ch.	31
Carried over	668

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	668
Llanddeusant P. Ch.	51
Llan-Enghenell P. C.	29
Near the Town of Holyhead.	50
Rhoscolyn Par. Ch.	46
Bryn sincin in *Llanidan* Parish.	36
Tregauan Par. Ch.	40
Llanfaothly P. Ch.	40
Llanvair ynghornwy Parish Ch.	43
	1003

In *Breconshire.*

Illtud Chapel in *Devynnock* Parish.	48
Ty-ffri in *Llanvigan* Parish.	48
Pant y Dery in d°. Parish Ch.	48
Brynllys Par. Ch.	37
Near Llywel Ch.	59
Felindre in *Llanvernach* Parish.	50
	1293

In *Cardiganshire.*

Pembryn P. Ch.	63
Dyffryn-hafnaut in d°.	102
Carried over	1458

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	1458
Pentre Gwynne in *Lllandygwydd* P.	50
Pen y wernvach in d°.	59
Aberporth P. Ch.	81
Llwyn Dafydd in *Llandisilio gogo* P. C. *including* 80 *Night Scholars.*	206
Another School in *Llandygwydd* P.	50
Blaen Harthen in *Trevdroir* Par.	41
Gwessyn in *Llandysyl* P.	98
Penplas in *Llandissilio gogo* P. *including* 40 *Night Scholars.*	90
Brongwyn P. Ch.	64
Blaen Silltin in ditto	55
Llanvair orllwyn P.C.	20
Dol Ivor in ditto.	46
Cwm in *Blaen porth* P.	75
	2393

In *Carmarthenshire.*

Llansadurnen P. Ch.	27
Castle-Heli in *Kyffig* P.	20
Cwm Coly in ditto.	48
Penybank near Wood House in *Laugharne* Parish.	48
Carried over	2536

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	2536
Cwm brwyn in ditto.	79
Cae'r Dole in *Pemboir* Parish.	67
Alms-House in *Killrhedyn* Parish.	72
Cwm vorgan in d°.	57
Rhossyn Coch in *Mydrim* Parish.	51
Weinvach in *St Clears* P.	64
Llanvihangel-Abercowin Village.	62
Water-Street in *Carmarthen* Town.	32
Llanllwch P. Ch.	52
Cothi-Bridge in *Llanegwad* P.	50
Clos-y Graig in *Llangeler* Parish.	67
Aber-dau-ddwr in *Llangan* Parish.	59
Pen-y-bank in *Llanllawddog* Parish.	46
Glan-rhyd y Morwynion in *Llanegwad* Parish.	57
Byr-gwn in ditto.	37
Gwynvey Chapel in *Langatock* Par.	56
Cilarddu in *Conwyl-Elvet* Parish.	22
Ffynnon y Gog in *Llanvihangel Rhos y Corn.*	75
Carried over	3541

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	3541
Gwarnogau in ditto.	46
Cil-grymman in *Llanwinio* P.	15
Llechglawdd in *Llanboidy* Par.	42
Blaen-Tymmborau in ditto.	46
Cwm Gwyddyl in *Llanwinio* Parish	35
Pant y Gwyddyl in d°	27
Tre-hîr in *Llanboidy* P.	44
Cross-hewl in *Llannon* Parish.	46
Sticklau in *Llangyndeyrn* Parish.	54
Gorse by mynydd bach in *Llandilo-vawr* P.	81
Cwm-dwyfrau in *New Church* Par.	37
Pistill Gwynn in d°.	30
New Church P. Ch.	28
Glan Gwily in ditto	21
Bettus Parish Ch.	82
Ty issa in *Bettus* P.	42
Glancwm bychan in *Llanedi* Parish.	68
Pen-y-vedw vach in d°. (*including* 28 *Night Scholars.*	83
Ty ucha'r Fforest in d°.	36
Killmaenllwyd P. Ch.	20
Maen ar dilo in *Llandilo vawr* P.	67
Carried over	4490

Where taught	No. of Scholars.
Brought over	4490
Cae'r canvas in *Llanelli* Par. (including 44 *Night Scholars.*)	107
Pen-y-ceiriau in *Conwyl Elvet* P.	61
Velindre in *Trelech* P.	92
Pen-y-Graig in d°.	97
Pant y ddafad in *Llanwinio* Par.	61
Blaen y Gelli in d°	37
Cyn glas in *Llandebie* P.	51
Lletty mawr in *Llan-vihangel-Aberbythych.*	72
Evel vac in ditto.	43
Ty-yn y Garn in d°.	38
Craig yr Auryn in *Llangan* Parish.	30
Tre-dai in ditto.	41
Park Gwyn in ditto.	50
Pompren mawr in *Llanboidy.*	52
Cwm-in Llangan P.	30
Velin issa in ditto.	44
Heol-y-Neuadd in *Gwinvey Hamlet of Langatock* P.	51
Gweyn-clyn-da in *Llansadwrn* Par.	59
Maen-Gwyn in *Llangeler* Par.	68
Ty'r Eithin in ditto.	51
Carried over	5615

Where taught	No. of Scholars.
Brought over	5615
Pant y barcid in *Pomboir*	86
Llansawel Village.	50
Landowror P. Ch.	33
Llanvihangel-Abercowin Village.	62
Wein-y-Brices in *Llanvihangel-abercowyn* P.	46
	5902

In *Carnarvonshire.*

Derwin-utha in *clynnog* P.	31
Tydweiliog Par. Ch.	44
Dolwyddelan P. Ch.	31
Bettus y coeg P. Ch.	31
Llanystindwy P. Ch.	44
Ceidio Par. Ch.	49
Dwygofylchi P. Ch.	30
Llanhaiarn P. Ch.	29
Llan-Engan P. Ch.	54
Rhiw Church	56
Aberdaron Church	51
Llangwnadle P. Ch.	32
Llangybi Par. Ch.	37
Bêdd Celert P. Ch.	50
Penrhos P. Ch.	31
Llangian P. Ch.	33
Llaniestyn P. Ch.	51
Edern Parish Ch.	35
Bodvean Parish Ch.	31
Carried over	6652

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	6652
Dolbenman P. Ch.	59
Capel curug P. Ch.	47
Croes ynyd in *Llanglynnyn* P.	37
Penmachno P. C.	41
Llanllyfni P. Ch.	55
Melldeyrn P. Ch.	31
Llanvihangel-bachellaeth P. C.	49
Carnguwch P. Ch.	48
Llanarmon P. Ch.	39
Clynnog P. Ch.	31
Aber Village in *Aber* Parish.	31
Llandegwnning P. C.	44
	7164

In *Denbighshire.*

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Eglwys vach P. C.	12
By Ruthin in *Llanfwrog* Parish.	18
Gwytheryn P. Ch.	35
Rhyd yr Arian in *Llansannan* Par.	36
Llansannan Village in *Llansannan* P.	35
Efenechtyd P. Ch.	29
Llandyrnog P. Ch.	58
Pandy-Budr in *Llangernew* Par.	34
Llansaintffraidglan conwy Par. Ch.	21
Carried over	7442

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Brought over	7442
Ty'n y Rhôs in *Llangernew* Parish.	41
	7483

In *Flintshire.*

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Gallt-Melyd P. Ch.	30
Dysert P. Ch.	34
	7547

In *Glomorganshire.*

Where taught	N° of Scholars.
Corse Eynon in *Llangevelach* P.	43
Another School near Corse Eynon in ditto Parish.	40
Clwyd-y-vedw in *Gelligare* Parish.	50
Cae Helig in *St Brides Minor* P.	30
Sheet-lane in *Pile* P.	38
Michaelston upon *Avon*	18
Gwar y Canau in the *Hamlet* of *Havod Mergam* P.	33
New Castle near *Bridge End.*	30
Landow Village in *Llandow* Parish.	29
Glyn Taf in *Eglwys Ilan* Parish.	41
Llantwit vardre P. C.	15
	7941

Where taught	No. of Scholars.
Brought over	7941
Lanishan Village in *Lanishan* Par.	45
Pont-Cynnon alias *Cynnon Bridge* in *Llanwnno* Par.	22
Goston in *Llangan* P.	36
Kenffig Hall in *Kenffig* P.	34
Treguff in *Llancarvan* Par.	31
Coyty Village in *Coyty* P.	38
Velin vach in *St Brides Minor* P.	42
Middle Stormy in *Tythegston* Par.	37
Clyn Gwynn in *Llanwnno* Par.	28
Lysworney Village in *Lysworney* P.	36
Aber-avan Town in ditto Par.	36
Ystrad Owen P. Ch.	30
Tongwnlas in *White Church* Par.	44
Michaelston-le-pit P.C.	29
Bagland Par. Ch.	33
	8435

In *Merionethshire.*

Harlegh Town.	27
Llansaintffraid Glandwrdwy P.C.	40
Carried over	8502

Where taught	No. of Scholars.
Brought over	8502
Festiniog P. Ch.	43
Dinas y Mowddwy in *Mallwyd* Par.	34
Llanaber P. C.	26
Town of *Bala.*	44
Garnedd near *Rhiwedog* in *Llanfawr* Par.	35
Llanbedr P. C.	30
Llanfrothen P. C.	40
Near *Ragat* in *Corwen* Par.	35
	8789

In *Monmouthshire.*

Pengam Bridge in *Aberystryth* Par.	57
Cleidda in *Llanarth* P.	39
Ty-Pant-Sychpant in *Aberystryth* P.	41
Mynydd isswyn P. C.	12
Kemmeys Commander P. C.	47
Kevenllwyn Common in *Llanddewi vach.*	27
	9012

In *Montgomeryshire.*

Llanbryn Mair P.C.	27
Cemmes Par. Ch.	28
Carried over	9067

Where taught	No of Scholars.
Brought over	9067
Darowen P. Ch.	27
Carno Parish Ch.	16
Llanlligan Par. Ch.	12
	9122

In *Pembrokeshire.*

Where taught	No of Scholars.
Gwryd mawr in *St David's* Par.	49
Pen-y-cwock in *Fishguard* Par.	50
Killgerran P. Ch.	38
Monington P. Ch.	64
Letterston P. Ch. *including* 27 *Night Scholars.*	62
Carried over	9385

Where taught	No of Scholars.
Brought over	9385
Parsonage House in d°.	34
Llanychaer P. Ch.	46
Llanllawer P. Ch.	42
Ford Chapel in *Heys Castle* Par.	17
Little New Castle P.C.	30
Llandilo Chapel in *Maenclochog* P.	58
Blaenllechog in d° P.	36
Llangalman P. Ch.	39
Maenclochog Village in *Maenclochog*. P.	35
Cwm bach in *Clydey* P.	21
Llanvihangel-penbedw P. Ch.	9
Pont-Rhyd-Seli in *Maenardivy* P.	28
Ambroth P. Ch.	54
	9834

Total Number of Schools 218
Number of Scholars 9834

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The Number of *Welch* CHARITY SCHOOLS and SCHOLARS for Twenty Two Years past.

	Schools	Scholars.
In the Year 1737	37	2400
1738	71	3981
1739	71	3989
1740	150	8767
1741	128	7995
1742	89	5123
1743	75	4881
1744	74	4258
1745	120	5843
1746	116	5635
1747	110	5633
1748	136	6223
1749	142	6543
1750	130	6244
1751	129	5669
1752	130	5724
1753	134	5118
1754	149	6018
1755	163	7015
1756	172	7063
1757	220	9037
1758	218	9834
Total	2764	132986

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